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PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION OF PAPER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of paper in the country during the last three years and the present stock available in the market;

(b) the per capita consumption of paper in the country at present;

(c) the extent to which it has gone up as compared to the year 1980;

(d) whether paper industry at present is not progressing well and needs heavy amount to meet the growing demand of paper of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide sufficient funds to boost the paper production in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) Production of paper and paperboard during the last three years is as under :

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
1997-98	29.22
1998-99	31.38
1999-2000	34.57

It has been reported that stock of paper to the extent of about 2.5 lakh M.T. is available in the market.

(b) & (c) The per capita consumption of paper has gone up from about 2 Kg. in 1980 to about 4 Kg. at present.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. There was an increased production of 34.57 lakh MTin 1999-2000 as compared to the production of 31.38 lakh MT during 1998-99.

(f) The performance of Paper Industry is reviewed regularly and suitable measures are taken as and when necessary.